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WITHIN THE WEEK

Gen Marshall's prediction that our war against Japan "will not take long," is one of those rhetorical indefinites which the individual is free to interpret at will. In point of fact, our militarists, particularly those charged with the responsibility of supply lines, cannot afford to think in terms of a brief conflict, while our industrialists can afford to think in no other terms.

What we mean, of course, is that military men must think and plan for a prolonged struggle. But the men who presently will make our civilian wares will have to be prepared for prompt and relatively early conversion. Should the war with Japan end this yr, desirable as such a consummation is from a military and humane point of view, it undoubtedly would result in great economic chaos and widespread unemployment. It is the job of industrial leaders, in combination with gov't, to ease that shock as much as possible.

There is no question that Japan wants out of the war. The peace feelers thus far put forward are genuine, but inadequate. Nippon is just now beginning to feel the strength of our developing air arm. A few more thrusts such as the intensive raid on Tokio, recorded this wk, can only serve to emphasize the eventual doom that awaits Japan. But this does not necessarily indicate early end to

fighting. It is entirely possible, as strategists continually point out to us, that even after domination and capitulation of the homeland, war lords in Manchuria and elsewhere might continue the struggle indefinitely.

WAR SHORTAGES: Condition is becoming chronic and there is no prospect of early relief. Some shortages, long apparent, are just beginning to be felt at consumer level. Wool, for example. Several nat'l tailoring houses have been forced to release sales representatives because they have no wool from which to fabricate garments. . . . We are by no means assured that present gasoline increases will be permanent. Much depends on course of war and transport facilities. Allotments may cut before yr is out.

CABINET CHANGES: In the three cabinet appointments announced this wk, there is little consolation for those who hoped that Pres Truman would take this opportunity to veer away from New deal line to more conservative channels. All appointees, if we may judge by past records, are definitely "liberal" in New Deal sense. There are still some important changes pending. To what extent the President has strengthened his official family remains to be seen.



SHIFTING SANDS

We have been saying for many mo's that VE would be the signal for acceleration of labor difficulties. This forecast is already being fulfilled. You will note further evidences of it in coming wks. It is the inevitable result of organized labor's determination to compensate for loss of overtime by *boosting the hourly wage rate*. Strikes and threats of strikes are labor's obvious weapon. All demands will not be met, but the general wage trend undoubtedly will be upward. Oddly enough, these strikes are not essentially against individual employers or industries. They represent rebellion against government control of wages. Those whose memory goes back to the Jr World War will recall that wage increases secured during that labor crisis were, by and large, continued through the ensuing years. It is unrealistic to assume that labor will not be equally successful in the reconstruction period which we are now facing.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"The German soldier has been faithful to his oath and achieved eternal glory. History will pass judgment."—Final communique, German High Command.

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"It is garbage that you throw in my face."—Marshal HENRI PHILIPPE PETAIN, awaiting trial on treason charges, denied at preliminary hearing that he headed the Cagoulards, Fascist terrorist society.

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"A man wonders if, after they've built the graveyard, there'll be enough room for the airstrips the Marines died to win."—FREDERICK PAINTON, war correspondent, commenting on conquest of Iwo Jima.

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"I wish all Americans knew Russian. If they could read our books, magazines and newspapers, there would be more understanding."—NATALIA SERGEYEVA, representative of Moscow's newspaper, *Pravda*, at the San Francisco conference.

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"We hereby commend Adolf Hitler on the one good act of his career . . . and condemn him for not having died 56 yrs ago."—From a resolution adopted by the Illinois Gen'l Assembly, formally declaring death of the Nazi leader.

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"Shades of Belsen, Buchenwald and Dauchau and the pitiful half ghosts of the living dead unearthed in those concentration camps! No wonder Herr Goering sought sanctuary with the Yanks rather than the grim Russians."—OMAR B KETCHUM, nat'l legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, protesting "coddling" of GOERING by American military authorities

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"This soft civilian life—feather beds, feather pillows, fancy food and everything—nuts! Brother, I can't get used to it."—FRANK GARCIA, 21-yr-old discharged veteran, to whom reconversion to civilian life is a gradual conditioning. Four nights a wk he sleeps between clean sheets in his home. The other 3 he spends in a foxhole in the backyard, complete with grass lining and camouflage.

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"It certainly makes my duty lighter."—Machinist Mate JAMES W CARLIN, U S C G, sentry at the Statue of Liberty, as the lights glowed again.

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"I'm already a mister."—Cpl BARNEY ARKOW, of Brooklyn, on receiving his papers at the Ft Dix Separation Center in the 1st group to be discharged under Army's new point system.

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"The American Negro has played an important part in many tests of battle and of service in this theater of war."—Gen DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, in a letter expressing hope for success of United Negro College Fund.

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"Americans don't know how or why they fight. Once we get behind their backs they will run like scared jackrabbits."—ADOLF HITLER, shortly before the Ardennes offensive, as reported by an official stenographer, GERHART HERRGESSELLE.

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"Thanks, Sgt. I'm sorry I was so slow."—Gen WILLIAM B BRADFORD, addressing Sgt WILLIAM DUGGAN who had slammed him to the ground and fallen on top of him when a Jap mortar shell dropped nearby. Ans'd the gallant Sgt, "Sorry to be so rough, sir!"

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"The only reason we ever could figure out was this: The German for so long was not permitted to speak freely on any subject in his homeland that when he was captured he spoke out."—War Dep't authority, revealing that some of Allies' most valuable information about enemy was obtained from the enemy himself.

"We cannot enlarge the islands of the Japanese to fit the population, but we can trim down the population to fit the islands."—Rear Admiral DEWITT C RAMSEY.

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"They're apparently trying to save their air force, but I don't know what they're saving it for."—Navy Official, commenting on reluctance of Japanese aircraft to oppose air attacks on Tokio.

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"She is learning to drive a lorry and seems to spend much of her time diving underneath one."—Queen ELIZABETH describing the work of Britain's Princess ELIZABETH since she joined the ATS.

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"Your men treated me like a gangster!"—Kapitaneleutnant JOHANN HENRICH FEHLER, commander of German U-boat 234 which surrendered to U S Coast Guard last wk. Snapped Coast Guard Lt CHARLES WINSLOW, "That's what you are!"

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"Gripping hand grenades in their small hands, children of a nat'l school in Okinawa charged into enemy positions shouting battle cries and died heroic deaths."—RADIO TOKIO, trying to whip up enthusiasm at home for juvenile training in hand grenade throwing.

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"I think the American people are entitled to know that the man who is given the great responsibility of determining the destiny of this nation is physically capable of carrying on."—Rep MAX SCHWABE, Mo, advocating rigid physical examination for every presidential candidate "to determine whether he would, in all likelihood, have a longevity of at least 4 yrs."

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"Veterans coming back today have a fantastic idea of what jobs are paying. Also, they want to have better jobs than the ones they held before entering the services. And finally, they don't want to go away from home for jobs."—FRANK NEWCOMER, Veterans' representative at WMC's regional N Y office, enumerating reasons why veterans re-employment has not been as rapid as expected.

"If you don't smell it, we ain't got it."—Sign in a delicatessen store.

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"Wanted—High School boy for cigaret counter. No 'Yes-men' need apply."—Sign in Concord, N H, drugstore window.

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"No." — Reported comment of ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, when invited to become a candidate for office of Mayor of N Y City.

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"It's obvious the women are all-out until victory."—Comment of an auctioneer in Salt Lake City, when men outbid frantic females for small stock of girdles.

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"Dropped my first-aid kit on my toe!"—Police Lt CLAYTON BLANK, of Salt Lake City, limping into police dept's emergency hospital.

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"Pres Truman is definitely interested in the proposal."—Rep ROBT RAMSPECK, of Ga, discussing recommendation of House civil service commission that U S employ a "gen'l business mgr" to correlate sprawling gov't agencies and bureaus.

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"Don't get excited. We have other shirts underneath."—DOROTHY DRISCOLL, Co-Captain of all-girl crew from Radcliffe College who defeated crew from Harvard in stunt water race, as the exuberant winners began tossing their shirts toward Harvard's boat.

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"I've flown thru flak barrages and storms of machine gun bullets, but it was never like this."—S/Sgt JOHN C COLEMAN, commenting on ruckus aroused by his statement that Australian girls are less artificial than American sisters. (But he has just married an American girl!)

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"We should give our fighting men an equal opportunity to acquire these lands and business locations."—HAROLD HALEY, Chairman of Resolutions Committee of Calif Jr Chamber of Commerce, which has urged delay in return of Japanese-Americans to Calif from relocation centers until after war and demobilization of American servicemen.

"I made it up from a little of everything."—Comment of Municipal Judge H H SHETTLER, Mansfield, O, on the marriage ritual which he improvised for wedding of screen celebrities HUMPHREY BOGART and LAUREN BACALL.

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"I have been a bad bird. Please keep me home, before I get killed."—Message which a Springfield, Ill victory gardener attached to neighbor's chickens caught trespassing on his premises.

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"I scrutinized the music and I'm sorry to report that only songs with no political significance will be used."—Mayor FIORELLO LA GUARDIA, commenting on selection of music for "I am an American Day" celebration in Central Park.

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"Of course, there are snappy attractive-looking blondes with a nice line of wise-cracking, but brunettes in the main have more brains."—Dr REG ARMATTOE, noted British anthropologist, announcing that intelligence tests show brunettes to be smarter than blondes.

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"Well, folks, they've got cigarets today. All out."—Obliging bus driver to his passengers as he stopped the bus outside a small grocery store near Akron. The passengers queued up, bought their cigarets, re-boarded the bus and continued their journey.

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"I expect he will turn up somewhere in this world or the next and will be dealt with by the proper local authorities."—Prime Minister WINSTON CHURCHILL, stating in the House of Commons that HIMMLER's whereabouts were of little concern. He added, "The latter would be more convenient to his majesty's gov't."

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"Something vital to the good life of a community is lost when people abandon control to rulers at a distance, however wise and beneficent the rulers may be."—Prof CARL BRENT SWISHER, head of political science at Johns Hopkins Univ, stating his belief that centralized gov't tends to sap initiative and civic pride from state and local gov't.

"People will eat almost anything if you just toss in a free bit of pickle."—DARIO TOFFENETTI, prop, Chicago's Triangle restaurants.

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"It sure is more blessed to give than to receive, especially in this connection."—Sgt HOWARD HARPER, discharged veteran, "returning" to blood bank, a pint of blood in payment for 3 transfusions which saved his life when he was wounded overseas.

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"How large a War Bond do you want."—Mrs ELLA SOBEL, of Brooklyn, N Y, explaining her invariable approach in contacting War Bond prospects. (Mrs SOBEL sold over \$1 million bonds in the Sixth loan drive; is out to beat that record in the Seventh.

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"By the time we reached Pearl Harbor we were so sick of steak and strawberries, we were ready to go back to Spam without hollering."—Comdr JOS TAYLOR, executive officer of aircraft carrier, *Franklin*. (When craft was attacked by Japs all food lockers were flooded except one, containing steaks and strawberries. Crew lived on these delicacies until damaged carrier reached Pearl Harbor.)



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Another Man's Poison, THOMAS HORNSBY FERRER, *Harper's Magazine*, 5-45.

The Washington Monument is an excellent example of how our ideas shift from a revered person to something in which his identity as a person is utterly lost. . . I've asked many people what it does make them think of. One woman said "height"; another, "Washington, D C"; . . . and one said "stairs". . . But if you show your friends a silver quarter with Washington's head on it, more than a third will say something about Washington. The coin not only outlives Tiberius, but if he needs a lift helps keep him going. . .

A beautiful war memorial betrays every man who ever fought. We can't outgrow the impulses of the Greeks and Egyptians, who, after disembodying their fellows, gave beautification to butchery by erecting in its name the most luminous structures ever created temples to swear by and die for—emotional catalysts to make the elements of war combine more readily the next time.

If we loved our fallen sons more than ourselves, if we would protect their children, then would we demand that war memorials in every land be foul, disgusting, stinking things. . . But if we can't have repulsive reminders of war, thank heaven we shall have a good many boring ones. . . We can at least hope, here in our own country and all over the world, parks and plazas may be cluttered to overflowing with tanks, landing craft, wrecked planes, and marble-mounted bazookas—all so stubbornly anchored in concrete that they will be hard to get rid of when people begin to feel sheepish for having them around.

ABUNDANCE

Some have an idea that the reason we in this country discard things so readily is because we have so much. The facts are exactly opposite—the reason we have so much is simply because we discard things so readily. We replace the old in return for something that will serve us better.—ALFRED P SLOAN, Jr, chairman of board, Gen'l Motors.

ASPIRATION

Aim at the church steeple. Of course, you won't hit it but your arrow will fly higher than if you aim at the cellar door.—*Protestant Voice*.

BEHAVIOR

We have learned to fly thru the air like birds, and to swim under the sea like fish. All that remains is to learn to walk the earth like men.—Quoted in *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

CHEMISTRY—Future

We have passed thru agricultural, machine and metal ages and are now on the threshold of a chemical era. However, it will take 25 yrs to bring some of the war research discoveries to commercial maturity.—Dr HOWARD E FRITZ, research director, B F Goodrich Co.

CONCENTRATION

Sales mgrs might well subject their men to the "match test". Give each individual a pad of safety matches; ask him to light one and hold it between thumb and forefinger. Then ask the salesman to state the essential virtues of his product before the match burns down to the point where he must drop it. This provides a period of sixty to ninety seconds. It forces quick concentration on essentials; indicates which men follow the main line, which are likely to be sidetracked.—Dr Geo W CRANE, syndicated newspaper feature.

CONSCIENCE

A N Y minstrel, eager to see and hear Booth the actor, once wrote him: "I am anxious to be at one of your plays, but as I have always been opposed to the theater, and would appear inconsistent, could you not admit me at some private or stage door?"

Booth's reply was short. "There is no door to my theater through which God cannot see."—*Christian Digest*.

They DO say . . .

The Nation checked on 150 soldiers discharged in N Y C. Only 13 were able to get into their old civilian clothes. . . *RN Jnl for Nurses*, reports on a triplicate amputation case: 1st known in this or last war. Reminds us that stories of so-called "basket" cases are pure fabrication; no person losing both arms and both legs could live. . . Dr MORRIS FISHBURN, the eminent Spencerian physician, author of recently-published *Doctors at War*, explained to a Chicago luncheon group the beneficial effects of carrots on night-blindness. It isn't the vitamin A content of the carrots that helps, the good Dr asserts, but the fact that chewing keeps pilots and auto drivers awake! . . . *Vet*, a new monthly for war veterans, will appear this mo. No adv at present. Each discharged serviceman gets 3 mo's free sub. . . The new Paramount discovery, LIZABETH SCOTT, sent a memo (thru her press representative, no doubt) to MITCH WOODBURY, Hollywood reporter, beseeching special care in getting that tricky initial monicker straight. But the typed memo was signed "Lizabeth Scoot"!

ENMITY—Sustained

In *Town Meeting Country* Clarence M Webster tells of two Yankee brothers, John and Sylvester, who had not spoken to each other for 10 yrs. A neighbor persuaded Sylvester to greet his brother, who was coming along the road. "I'll do it to oblige you," said Sylvester, "But he won't answer."

As the 2nd brother approached, Sylvester spoke: "John," he said, "when are you going to bring home that iron bar you stole from me, you thief?" John walked on without a word. Sylvester turned to the peacemaker, and said triumphantly: "I told you he wouldn't speak to me!"—*Reading & Writing*.

HOUSING—Shortage

"She won't say 'yes' till I find a place to live. Need furnished ap't worst way by June 1."—Classified ad in *Indianapolis Times*. (We're glad to report he got ap't and gall!)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Three-fourths of the world's population is illiterate, underfed, poorly sheltered, diseased, and in a condition far below what should be the minimum standard for any human being, regardless of race, color or creed.

Now supposing you have 4 brothers and the family resources are devoted to making one of the brothers rich and giving him a 1st class education, while the other 3 remain illiterate and poverty stricken. Would you find harmony in that family? No. And it is just as unreasonable to look for harmony in a world where three-fourths of the people are neglected.—Y C JAMES YEN, "China and World Peace," address given recently at Metropolitan Opera House in N Y.

JUDGMENT

The natives in Cornwall, England, have a very simple but effective test for sanity. The patient is put in a room in which there is a bucket under a tap. The tap is turned on and the patient is given a cup and told to bail the bucket. If the patient turns off the tap before he begins bailing the bucket, he is considered sane. If he starts bailing the bucket without turning off the tap, he is deemed to be insane.—LUTHER E WOODWARD, "Can We Train For Family Living?" *Child Study*, Spring '45.

LABOR—Shortage

"I have a remarkable office boy," said a business executive in a group recently discussing labor shortages. "This lad," he continued, "has an unusual brain. It starts working the moment he gets up in the morning and doesn't stop until he gets to my office."

MOTION PICTURES

In order to achieve a smooth transition from each single picture to the next, the screen is blacked out for 1/48th of a second, while it is replaced. Thus, half the time an

audience is seeing a film it is sitting in total darkness without knowing it. If we estimate the number of man-hours spent in the British cinema as 75 million a wk, over 37 million of them are spent in seeing nothing.—ROGER MANVELL, quoted in *Hollywood Reporter*.

We're 150 Yrs Late

Since reason condemns war and makes peace an absolute duty, and since peace cannot be effected or guaranteed without a compact among nations, they must form an alliance of a peculiar kind, which may be called a pacific alliance, different from a treaty of peace, inasmuch as it would forever terminate all wars, whereas the latter only ends one. — IMMANUEL KANT, *Perpetual Peace*, II, 1795.

ORIGINS

An old Scottish gardener who laid out grounds at Versailles for Louis XIV was annoyed by courtiers walking thru his new garden plots. Finally he had labels (etiquettes) printed and posted, showing where the worthies might walk. Thereafter, strolling within the etiquettes became the correct thing. The use of the term broadened until—well, until we now have Emily Post.—*Louisville Courier-Jnl*.

PERSPECTIVE

"How deep is the guilt of the German people?"

On the way home, flying high above the clouds, away from the heart-tearing agonies of man's bestiality, his sacrifices, his heroism, his spiritual exaltation, I pondered this question to myself.

And I thought of the painted desert of Arizona, for reasons that at first were not clear to me. Then the idea clicked. The sands of that painted desert are of many hues, brilliant greens, reds, yellows. But take any one grain of sand and look at it in the palm of your hand and you cannot tell by the naked eye what color it is.

So it is when you attempt to assay the guilt or innocence of 80,000,000 people.—MALCOLM W BINGAY, *Chi Daily News Foreign Service*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
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MEGAPHONE**

Perhaps the cruelest hoax of the war is the current epidemic of fake telephone calls, notifying families that a son in the armed forces has been killed in action. The reports are proved wholly without foundation. The calls, which began some wks ago in Washington, have now spread to several other cities and are engaging the close attention of the FBI. Callers identify themselves with the Army or Navy dep'ts. For your information and protection, be advised that the death of a serviceman is *never* reported by telephone. The next-of-kin is notified by telegram, direct from Washington, and these messages are delivered by selected messengers. Report any irregularities immediately to your nearest FBI office, or to local police.

Manufacturers and others who maintained branches or agents in France before the war have been puzzled by recent receipt of strikingly similar messages. Their correspondents in France say, in substance, "Things have been rather difficult for us here since the Liberation."

Public health and safety officials are becoming increasingly concerned over the stray-dog menace. Food problem has led many to abandon pets. Authorities urge utmost caution in dealing with strays, observing that "everything is ripe for a rabies epidemic." And by the way, mbrs of the K-9 corps who accumulate the necessary "85 points" will be released from service along with troops. Many suffering battle fatigue have already been discharged. Quartermaster gen'l will soon start campaign to recruit 1600 dogs as replacements.



APPLIANCES: The "Selector", electric alarm clock, will time and control any household appliance which can be plugged into conventional outlet. Turns radio on and off for selected programs; starts percolator; switches lights on and off; times roasting operations; defrosts refrigerator. Will retail about \$10. (Warren Telechron Co)

Postwar electric iron will have inbuilt electric fan, adds little weight but keeps cool air circulating above ironing board. (Business Wk)

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HEATING: Variation of radiant heating is use of hot water pipes hidden behind cast-iron baseboards, painted to match room woodwork. (Science News Letter)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Cameras developed at Wright Field photographic lab can "stop" bullet in mid-air; find cause when machine-gun firing pin lags one two-hundred thousandth of a second; "freezes" action of helicopter blades revolving 240 times a minute. Photo engineering may provide unerring diagnosis of mechanical and human ailments. (Grit)

Secrets of ocean floor will be bared by new underwater camera. When tip of a trigger protruding from camera touches sea bottom, flashlights are set off, shutter clicked. Great depths can be achieved. (Grit)

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TRANSPORTATION: Pullman Co is making effort to popularize upper berth, eliminate or minimize many disadvantages. Canvas luggage rack attached to wall at foot of berth provides overnight storage space for 24-inch suitcase. Two small cases are being installed—one for eyeglasses, the other for watches. (Dun's Review)

PROCRASTINATION

A N American exporter of many yrs' experience in Latin America has worked out his own strategem for nullifying the "manana" tendency. When he arrives on a periodic visit to one of many towns on his "beat," he drops in on all his acquaintances to greet them and inquire after their health and fortunes. His customers always want to know how long he will be in town. If he intends to leave on Saturday, he invariably tells them "Thursday at the latest." By Friday he usually has most of his orders. —Inter-American.

SABBATH—Observance

The Hollanders have an interesting legend in which the Sabbath Day is spoken of as "God's Dike." Few can better appreciate the value of a dike than the people of Holland. They are able to live only because these dikes hold back the sea. When a dike breaks, disaster follows.—The Upper Room.

TELEVISION

When sufficient coaxial cable and radio relay circuits become available, it will be entirely practicable for an entire convention to be conducted, say in N Y, while mbrs of the organization view the activities from large screen television equipment installed in public auditoriums in their home cities. Furthermore, via network relays, sessions of the convention might also take place in Chicago, Detroit, Atlantic City or Los Angeles, while mbrs stay at home and see and hear all of the proceedings.—J R POPPELE, pres, Television Broadcasters Ass'n, addressing Nat'l Retail Drygoods Ass'n in N Y.

VERBOSITY

The quiet man in the crowd had grown tired of the boastful talk of the others. So, when there was a lull in the conversation, he began: "This morning I went over to see a new machine we've got at our place, and it's astonishing how it works." "And how does it work?" asked one.

"Well," was the reply, "by means of a pedal attachment a fulcrum lever converts a vertical reciprocal motion into a circular movement.

The principal part of the machine is a huge disc that revolves in a vertical plane. Power is applied through the axis of the disc, and work is done on the periphery, where the hardest steel by mere impact may be reduced to any shape."

"What is this wonderful machine?" chorused the crowd.

"A grindstone."—Tit-Bits.

Almanac Reading May & June, 1945

There will be an eclipse of Nazism, visible over the whole world. It is time for the planting of peace. These are the months for investment in America so that the harvesting of peace may not be delayed beyond the right season. These are the months to buy War Bonds, the unbreakable bonds which hold the citizens and the servicemen of America together.

— MARGARET CULKIN BANNING, Collier's.

VETERANS—Future

While no private agency has been permitted to poll servicemen as to their postwar intentions, some military surveys have been made. It should be borne in mind that these are not necessarily conclusive since individuals questioned on the spur of the moment do not always follow their expressed intentions. However the results of one recent poll are as follows:

Forty per cent of men questioned expected to ret'n to their prewar businesses, or back to their former jobs; 20% expected to ret'n to agriculture; 5% plan to remain in armed forces; 5% want gov't jobs; 20% will start new businesses; 10% were uncertain of future plans. Significantly, this survey makes no mention of men who plan to complete their education under provisions of the GI Bill.

WAR—Peace

It has been said war does not settle anything. War does settle one thing: it determines who is going to have the responsibility of drawing the peace that follows.—LORD HALIFAX.

"It's Fantastic . . . They Thank YOU!"

For the multiplied thousands of troops who must remain in Europe for mo's to come, the war is not over. Lacking the stimulation of danger, the incentive of an inspiring objective, they are likely to find time heavy on their hands. For some, weary and eager to hie for home, this period may actually prove to be "the toughest part of the war." Sensing this fact, the USO, aided and abetted by our military forces, has planned for the European theater an entertainment program even more extensive than that in effect during the war yrs. For many wks, now, scouts have been quietly signing up motion picture and radio stars, as well as lesser players, to invade Europe with the coming of peace.

In his book, *I Never Left Home* (Simon & Schuster, \$1) Bob HOPE gives many glimpses of what these troupers can mean to our forces abroad. For example, this concluding excerpt:

A lot of normally selfish kids, who used to think only of themselves are now in there fighting for and with their buddies. Men are now writing letters that indicate thought far deeper and more important than the apparent subject matter of the letters. There is one such letter I'd like to close the book with. It was written by Lt John D Saint, Jr, to his parents in New Orleans:

Dear Dad and Mom:

. . . the word spread like wildfire, "Bob Hope is in town." When I arrived, there was a tremendous mob . . . Bob came on the grandstand dressed as a man on the street, baggy trousers, an ordinary coat, and an open-neck collar. Nothing fancy at all. His nose was really sunburned and caught the brunt of a lot of his own jokes. He started his patter and all of us laughed until tears were just streaming down.

All of a sudden Bob said, "Here's Frances Langford!" There was a din you would not believe. She was stunningly dressed, tho simply. It was good to see a clean, neat American girl who spoke our language and thought like we do. She sang from the very bottom of her heart. It could not have been otherwise. . .

We thought it was all over, and then Bob asked her back to sing, Embraceable You. Every one of those thousands of men then went home to their wives and sweet-hearts. This was inspired singing that touched every flea-bitten roughneck in the crowd. There was not a sound, and there was not a movement. It was so good it didn't draw much applause. We were too stupid to keep up a clamor so that she'd come back. But the amazing

part of it was that Frances Langford was just a woman with a voice, a marvelous, rich but delicate voice. And every man took it for what it was worth, not from the standpoint of Frances Langford, but from the standpoint of what it meant to him in his memories. She will never know what that did to us. We have been deprived of home, of our loved ones, and civilization for some time. For a few seconds we were back in our natural surroundings and completely happy. I could not have been closer to Mary had she been right there holding my hand. I was surprised to look up and see that it was Walter Sexauer on my right, rather than Mary. It was a rude awakening.

It was doubly hard to come to the realization that we are still in Sicily, that there is a war going on, and there's not a darned thing we can do about it. I really feel that the survival of the world is certain, due to man's ability to reconstruct in his mind those things which are pleasant and dear to him. It is a fine lesson to learn, but we have to learn it over and over again to keep the degree of appreciation in tune with the value of those things we love.

Yes, this war's making our young men think. And for one letter, chosen more or less at random from the thousands that came in, any man or woman is paid hundreds of thousands of times for anything he or she may have sacrificed or suffered for those guys.

It's fantastic. You do just a little bit for them, in comparison to what they're doing and risking for you, and you receive thousands of letters thanking you. They thank you!



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

"We had to have Faith. . ."

BRIGHAM YOUNG

This month of June marks 144th anniversary of the birth of the Mormon leader who marched his faithful followers to a promised Land. Tho a century has passed since this pilgrimage, the record of intolerance and religious persecution meted the Mormons still stands to our discredit. (The issue of polygamy was not then in question. Young did not reveal his "celestial law of marriage" until 6 yrs after the founding of Salt Lake City.) This excerpt is from an address delivered on the 7th anniversary of the migration:

Seven yrs ago tomorrow, I crossed the Mississippi with my brethren, for this place, not knowing at that time whither we were going, but firmly believing that the Lord had in reserve for us a good place in the mountains, and that He would lead us directly to it.

We came here because of our faith. We had to have faith to come. When we met Mr Bridger on the Big Sandy river, said he: "Mr Young, I would give \$1,000 if I knew an ear of corn could be ripened in the Big Basin." Said I: "Wait 18 mo's and I will show you many of them." Did I say this from knowledge? No; it was my faith. We had not the least encouragement from natural reasoning and all that we could learn of this country—of its sterility, its cold and frost, to believe that we could ever raise anything. But we traveled on, breaking the road thru the mountain and building bridges until we arrived here, and then we did everything we could to sustain ourselves. If we had not had faith, what would have become of us? We would have gone down in unbelief.

Ingrid Bergman recently asked a book clerk for an instruction manual on boxing. "We have a book," said the salesman, "by Jas J Corbett who was world's heavyweight champion. He knocked out Jas L Sullivan, and never lost a fight in his life except when he was knocked out by Bob Fitzsimmons. Would you like to see the book?"

Miss Bergman hesitated and replied, "Have you a book by Bob Fitzsimmons?" — LEONARD LYONS, syndicated column

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Barry Fitzgerald was late for dinner at his brother's house in Hollywood one night last wk, and when he finally arrived, he was furious. People, he said, had detained him at his house. "What kind of people were they that detained you?" his brother asked. "They were the kind of people," said Mr Fitzgerald, "that when they stand up, they think they've gone." —New Yorker.



OF THE WEEK

It's a piece of pie, not a pious peace that the delegates seem to want at San Francisco.—Chicago Tribune.

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Love and electricity function alike—when a high voltage of either permeates a human being, the victim is rendered senseless.—Copper's Wkly.

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EUROPE: a collection of countries with chips on their shoulders and none on the table.—Skyscrapers.

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ANGEL: in Heaven, nobody in particular.—GEO BERNARD SHAW.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

TED COTT, Author,
Victor Book of Musical Fun

Toscanini was once rehearsing a soprano who, to put it mildly, was not proving particularly co-operative.

Finally she exploded: "I will have you know, Mr Toscanini, that I am a world-famous prima donna."

The Maestro smiled. "Don't worry, Madame. I assure you your secret is safe with me!"

A witness, an old dorky, was undergoing a cross-examination. "Did the defendant use improper language when he was beating his horses?" asked the lawyer.

"Well, he talk mighty loud, suh."

"Did he indulge in profanity?"

The witness seemed puzzled, and the lawyer put the question in another form: "Uncle Amos, what I want to know is, did he use words that would be proper for your minister to use in a sermon?"

"Oh, yes, suh," the old man replied with a grin, "but they'd have to be 'ranged diff'rent."—Jnl of Education.

A tough Army sergeant, issuing our 1st furloughs at training camp, warned that we might be called back unexpectedly. Failure to leave for camp immediately, he warned, could be construed as disregard for military orders.

"In time of war," he concluded, "it may even be interpreted as desertion punishable by death. And, besides, you won't get any more furlough." — Pvt J C, "Service Chuckles," American Mag.

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No writer was a greater friend of the little man than short story genius, O Henry. One evening, shortly after society leader Ward McAllister made his famous remark that there were only "Four Hundred" people in N Y worthy of being rated as "society," O Henry attended a party at the home of a Fifth Ave matron.

"I think McAllister hit the nail on the head," commented the hostess. "I doubt that there are even 400 New Yorkers who are worth noticing."

"I believe, madam," said O Henry, "that there is one man who has proved the contrary."

"And who is he, may I ask?"

"The census taker," calmly replied the author.—E E EDGAR.

